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26 July 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Monitoring or Recording Telephone Conversations

1. In response to Chairwoman Bella A. Abzug's letter to Mr. Bush dated July 14, 1976, regarding this topic, I conducted a survey of ODP managers and secretaries. To the best of everyone's knowledge, no one in ODP monitors or records telephone conversations. Conference calls, with more than one ODP staffer on the line, do occur, but all parties are aware of it when it occurs. Telephone monitoring keys (TCO) are installed on two secretarial telephone stations in the office of the Director, ODP, but these are not currently used.

2. The above was reported by telephone to [redacted] Acting Executive Officer, DDA, on 23 July 1976.

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Executive Officer, ODP

cc: EO/DDA

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

EO - George - Please raise
this issue at our Thurs staff
meeting. We need to find out
whether ODP's engage in any
telephone monitoring practices.



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Please develop response.

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Hon. George Bush
Director
The Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C., 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

The Government Information and Individual Rights Subcommittee is currently studying telephone monitoring practices of federal agencies. During June 1974, interested federal agencies testified at hearings on this subject. In connection with the preparation of a report, the Subcommittee has additional questions of your agency.

1. Does the agency presently permit monitoring of incoming or outgoing telephone calls? (For the purposes of this inquiry, "monitoring" includes, but is not limited to, a secretary or any third person listening in on the line, either covertly or overtly.) (a) For what purposes and under what circumstances does monitoring occur? (b) Do agency employees consent to monitoring of their telephone conversations and, if so, are their consents given in writing? (c) To what extent are the employees and outside callers aware of the presence of another party on the line?

2. Is tape recording of telephone conversations on the agency's lines presently permitted? If so, do any warning or consent requirements accompany or limit this practice?

3. Does the agency take any measures to minimize its listening time to portions of conversations which are relevant to the purposes of the monitor?

4. Are there any regulations controlling the agency's telephone monitoring practices? If so, please include a copy with your reply. Is the agency affected by any general regulations issued by the General Services Administration, the Office of Telecommunications Policy, or the Federal Communications Commission? If so, please cite the regulations.

5. Under what statutory authority does the agency monitor the telephone conversations of its employees and outside callers?

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6. Does the agency employ any automatic devices which record dialing impulses or observe service quality? Does use of this equipment fall within the agency's definition of telephone monitoring?

7. What does the agency do with information regarding illegal activity which comes into its hands in the course of telephone monitoring for service or supervisory purposes?

8. Do the agency's practices ever conflict with State or Federal law? Where and when has this occurred? In the event of a conflict between State and Federal law, which law controls the agency?

9. Does AT&T service the agency's monitoring equipment? Does any AT&T policy constrain the agency's monitoring practices? Do you have any reason to believe that AT&T has ever participated in any independent or outside monitoring of the agency's lines?

10. Does the agency receive requests to monitor pursuant to court order or for national security purposes? How often has this occurred in the past 10 years, and to what extent does the agency comply with these requests?

If you or your staff have questions concerning this inquiry, please contact Gail Jacobs at the Subcommittee office, 225-3741. A response by July 28 would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



BELLA S. ABZUG
Chairwoman

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